

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 2, 2007 required the election of species relating to (1) species belonging to thickener which is a polyether of a copolymer of listed species (a) through (f); (2) a cationic polymer of listed species (a) through (g); and (3) a silicone of listed species (a) through (c). The Office Action further required a specific name and structure for (1) (f) if elected and (2) (g) if elected, as well as a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully provisionally elect, with traverse, the species set forth in (1) (f), i.e., Polyquaternium-10, which is a polymeric quaternary ammonium salt of hydroxyethyl cellulose reacted with a trimethyl ammonium-substituted epoxide. Applicants believe that claims 1-15 read on this species. Applicants further respectfully provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of (2)(g), i.e., Polyether-1, which is a copolymer of PEG-180 (q.v.), Dodoxynol-5 (q.v.), PEG-25 tristyryl phenol and tetramethoxymethylglycouril monomers. Applicants believe that claims 1-15 read on this species. Applicants also respectfully provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of (3)(c), amodimethicone, however, the species set forth in (3)(a), (b) and (c) are equally useful in the compositions of applicants' invention as each other, alone and in combination. Applicants believe that claims 1-15 read on this species. Applicants respectfully submit that the structures of (1)(f) and (2)(g) are set forth in the Specification and as indicated above.

Applicants respectfully submit that the searching of the species set forth in the current claims should not entail a burden upon the Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing discussion, applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of June 1, 2007. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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